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AB 91: IGNITION INTERLOCK PILOT

“Driving Under the Influence”, or “DUI”, has proven to be an enormous problem in California. In 2007, there were 203,866 DUI arrests made statewide in California, which averages out to 558 DUI arrests every day. Of those arrests, 45,149 were repeat offenders. In this same year, DUI drivers caused 53,261 collisions, resulting in the death of 1501 people. This is 518 more people killed as a result of driving under the influence than in 2006.

The use of Ignition Interlock Devices (IIDs) proves to be a valuable tool to keep the impaired driver off the road. A person who is subject to the use of an IID must blow into the device and not register alcohol in his system prior to the motor vehicle becoming operable. Studies have shown that IIDs are effective when installed and reduce DUI recidivism and alcohol related collisions by as much as 40 to 95 percent. Implementation of IIDs would be a powerful tool to reduce the number of DUI related deaths and injuries.

Under current law, the courts have the discretion, but are not mandated, to require the installation of an IID for first-time and repeat DUI offenders. Data shows

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that, statewide, only 4.3 percent of DUI offenders are actually ordered to install an IID.

AB 91, introduced by Assemblyman Michael Feuer, would set up a pilot program in Alameda, Los Angeles, and Sacramento counties from July 1, 2010 to January 1, 2015, in which installation of ignition interlock devices (IID) would be required on any vehicle owned or operated by a person convicted of a DUI influence offense. These DUI offenders would be eligible for restricted drivers licenses only after they have completed a required period of mandatory suspension and have installed the required IID. Restricted licenses would allow unrestricted driving, but would limit driving only in vehicles with an IID.

This bill would also strengthen payment subsidies for low-income offenders.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Instruct the County's Sacramento advocates to support AB 91 (Feuer);
- 2) Instruct the Executive Office to send a five-signature letter to Assembly Member Feuer, the Assembly Speaker, the Senate President Pro Tem, the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board of Supervisors' support of AB 91.